

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 239 without my signature.

This bill would require the Governor to submit with the Budget a report that contains specific information regarding current and proposed contracts for services.

The State already has an electronic reporting system that tracks the purchase of goods, services and information on contracts over \$5,000. This system became effective on July 1, 2003, and all State agencies are required to enter information on their existing contracts. The bill would require that the information also be reported on “proposed” contracts – it is questionable how that could ever be captured, and since there is no monetary limit on the size of contract to be reported – under this scenario, a purchase of \$100 would have to be reported. Furthermore, this bill does not include any funding to create a new system or expand upon the State’s existing reporting system.

For these reasons I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger